

## WE MAKE THEM ALL

Not Exclusively a Furniture Building City.

## OVER 400 OTHER FACTORIES

Close Down the Furniture Factories and this Would Still Be a Great Manufacturing Center.

Thousands of people all over the United States know Grand Rapids chiefly as the greatest furniture manufacturing city of the world, and our scores of mammoth factories and 125,000 furniture employees entitle us to this proud distinction. Nevertheless, Grand Rapids would continue to be a great manufacturing city if every furniture factory within its borders were closed down tomorrow for good and all. This statement may surprise some people, but it is undoubtedly true. With the furniture industry absolutely suppressed,

work on statistics, but rather as an illustrated review of what has been done by a good city, and therefore it will not even enumerate the various manufactures of the city. Interested parties can obtain all the information they seek by communicating with the Grand Rapids board of trade. But any one who looks upon this city as simply and solely the center of the world's furniture manufacture makes a large mistake. Come and visit our half thousand factories, where you will see the manufactures of the world represented.

## MR. MCGARRY'S HOME.

Where a Successful Young Lawyer Resides.

The name of the gentleman who said, "I will take mine ease in mine inn," was certainly not Thomas F. McGarry, the popular ex-prosecuting attorney. Mr. McGarry prefers to pass his idle moments in the beautiful and luxurious home which he owns at No. 202 Terrace avenue. Mr. McGarry is extremely devoted to his family and has taken a great deal of pleasure in establishing for them a lovely home in a most delightful neighborhood. Terrace avenue has no superior as a residence street, and it would be difficult to find a home in Grand Rapids arranged with more taste. Mr. McGarry

way present at family worship. In the morning Sir Henry followed the Scottish custom of singing the metrical version of the Psalms straight through, two verses per day. The 119th Psalm, of course, took many days, and he always commenced by saying, "Let us sing in the 119th Psalm." At last the Psalm was finished, and the next day Sir Henry began, "Let us sing in the 120th Psalm." "Let us sing," said the parrot firmly, "in the 119th Psalm."

## Discovered a Third Motion.

One of the best known of the great army of Pacific coast scientists, claims to have discovered a "third principal motion of the earth," which is this: Every 20,000 years the globe changes its north and south poles on account of the attraction the earth has for its own magnetism. The sun, too, strongly attracts one of the poles and repels the other. This being the case, it only takes the short space of 20,000 years for the double attraction to career it over to such an extent that it suddenly "flips" 90 degrees. The scientist says that one of these grand "flips" occurred 6,000 years ago, at the time set down by the geologists as the "glacial epoch."

## Religion and Profit.

"The house where one changeth one's sandals" is the title of a shoe shop kept by a rabbi in New York city. In a Hebrew circular the keeper of the place says: "It is an ancient custom of Israel to conform all things by drawing off the shoe; and so I call upon all my friends who love the ways of our forefathers to come to my tent and draw off your old shoes and buy new shoes. For me this will be redemption, and for you

## TAKES CARE OF CASH

The Michigan Trust Company and Its

## GRAND TEN-STORY EDIFICE

An Institution That Looks Attractively After Your Jewels, Your Furs and Your Orphans.

In every city in the country you will find one building that is pointed to with particular pride by the citizens. It is either the highest or the best in the place, and every visitor is shown through it from top to bottom. Grand Rapids has a structure that any city in the world might be proud of. The Michigan Trust Company building is the highest in the city and the best in the state. For substantiality, convenience and elegance it is excelled by few buildings in the country. Its creation was that of a master mind, and the manner in which every detail has been perfected is evidence that much study and observation was given to the subject of how to build a structure that would please everybody. Rearing itself against the sky it stands out a massive structure, in pleasing relief. The architecture is plain rather

and other business. Steel safes can be rented in the safety deposit vaults at from \$5 a year up. The customer is supplied with a key, and no one can gain access to the safe without that key. The vaults are accessible to customers only from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5, and are guarded both day and night by special police officers. In this way there is no possible opportunity for thieves to break in and steal, and "moth and rust do not corrupt" in such a dry, airy place. Many people are nervous all the season through while away at the resorts lest burglars make way with the valuables left in their houses. A few dollars paid to the Michigan Trust company would guard against such an unfortunate contingency. The Michigan Trust company officers are all young men—the kind of young men who make cities—but they have accomplished wonderful things for Grand Rapids. L. H. Withey is president of the company and Anton G. Hodenpyl is secretary. Such an institution is invaluable to any city, and Grand Rapids people take genuine pride in its success.

## PROSPEROUS CITY.

Grand Rapids as Pictured by a Chicago Publication.

The American Contractor, a well-known Chicago trade journal, says: Grand Rapids placed \$2,368,662 of her cash into new buildings last year. Few cities of equal size east or west can make any such showing as this. This sum paid for the construction of 628 buildings, only sixty-five of which cost over \$5,000, thirty-two of which cost over \$10,000, and but five over

manufacture of furniture, the value of which in 1900 amounted to \$8,039,000.

The lumber business there has attained great proportions. It was only logical that Michigan with its great timber lands and lumber trade should have established within her limits a city whose principal industries is the handling of lumber and the manufacture of furniture. \$2,500,000 of capital are here enlisted in planing mills, which employ nearly 2,000 operatives, and the product of these mills for 1900 reached \$4,481,000.

The largest carpet sweeper factory in the world is located right here. In 1900 \$550,000 worth of carpet sweepers were made and the annual total is close to \$750,000 today.

Twenty-seven million four hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars' worth of manufactured goods were put on the market by this city in 1900. The capital employed in the production of this merchandise being \$15,885,000. It required 14,000 operatives to prepare this merchandise for the market.

The bonded debt of the city is but \$1,500,000. This very favorable showing is largely attributable to one significant fact. Until the recent enactment by the city council, in compliance with the expressed will of the people, amending the constitution to allow an issue of bonds, the constitution prohibited an issue of bonds for any purpose whatever. So

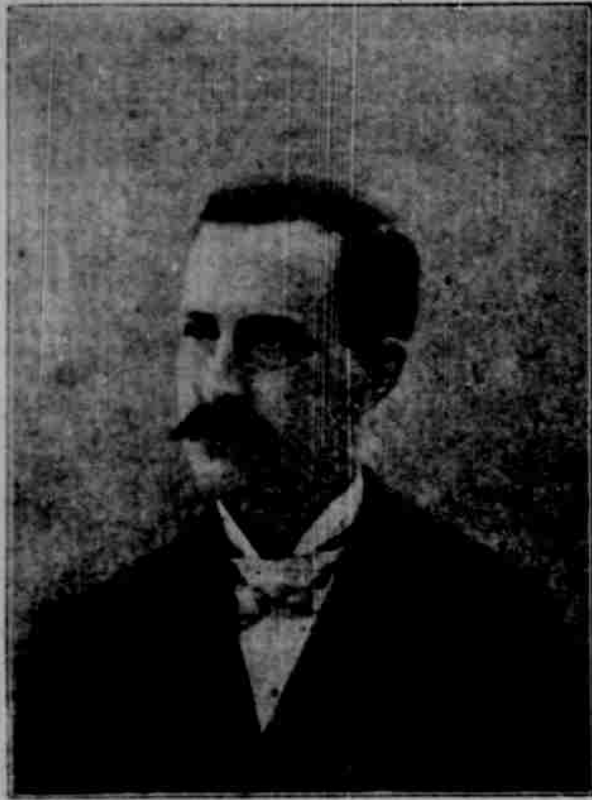
## HAVE A LARGE STORE

Houseman, Donnally &amp; Jones' Palatial Concern

## IN THE WIDDICOMB BLOCK

Finest Clothing Store Not Only in Grand Rapids, But in Michigan as Well.

The clothing firm of Houseman, Donnally & Jones, which occupies the magnificent Widdicombe building, a cut of which is shown on this page, is far and away the leading house of the city. Their salesroom is of very large size, and a small army of clerks are employed waiting on the customers that throng the place. The Widdicombe building stands on the most valuable real estate in the city. Their stock of ready-made clothing is immense and their prices always right. A particular



PROSECUTING ATTORNEY WOLCOTT.

Grand Rapids would still have over 400 large factories busily turning out millions of dollars' worth of goods, and giving remunerative employment to many thousands of operatives.

It is a question whether the large advertising that Grand Rapids has received as the furniture center of the world has not sometimes been a positive

has made a great deal of money by the practice of his profession and has been liberal in its use in building the house and adorning the grounds surrounding it. The illustration on this page gives an excellent idea of this beautiful home.

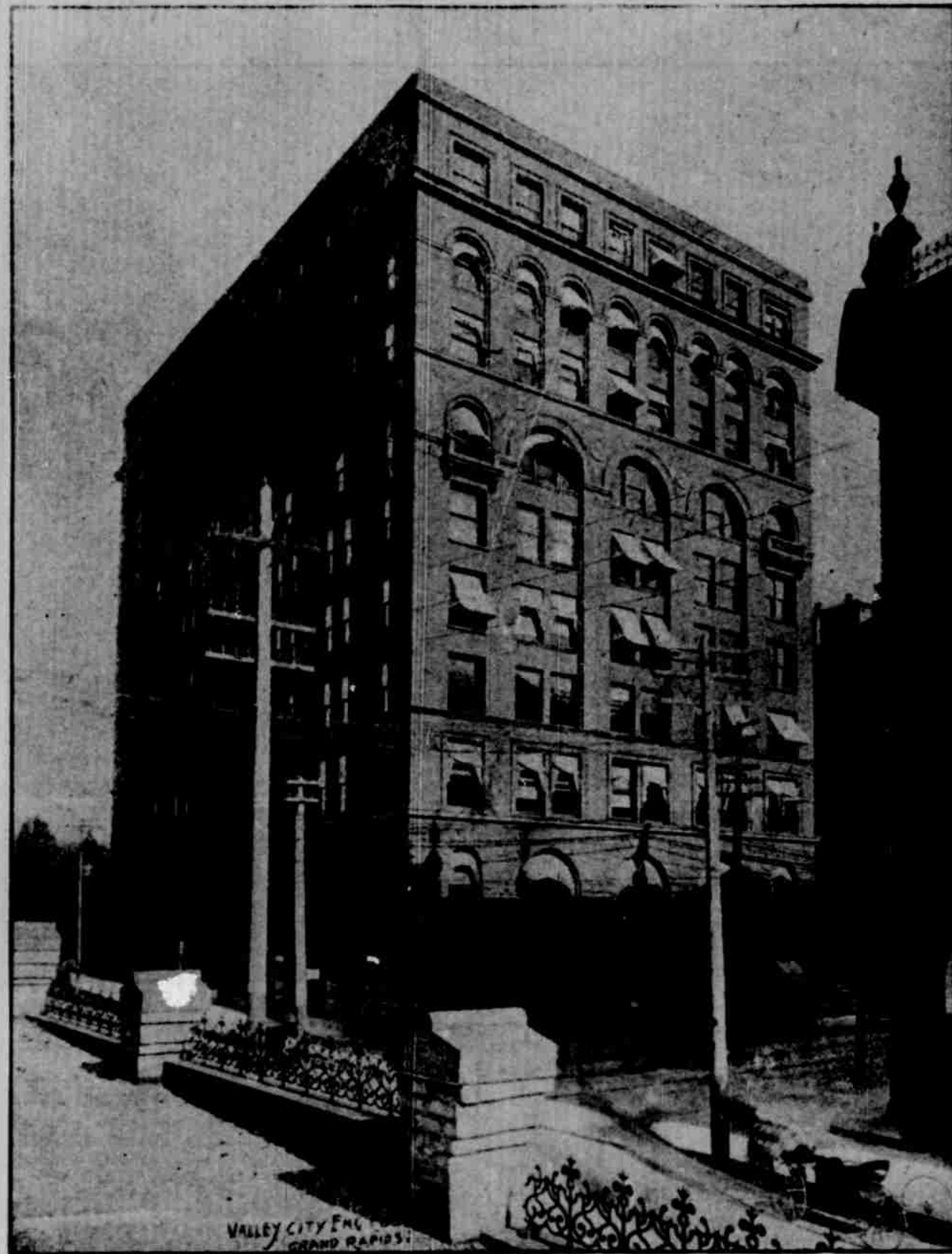
Diamonds by Chemical Means. An ingenious French chemist, Mois-



RESIDENCE OF T. F. MCGARRY—TERRACE AVENUE.

detriment to it by blinding the eyes of the world to the varied nature of its industries. We are looked upon as a furniture town, when in fact we are almost any other kind of a manufacturing city. Indeed, there are few lines from collars to clothes brushes, from boules to bath tubs, from street cars to wheelbarrows that are not successfully manufactured

and by name, has at last succeeded in what has been a great object with chemists for a century—the manufacture of real diamonds by chemical means. He explained his method to the French society in Aid of the Friends of Science and actually produced artificial and genuine diamonds before the eyes of his hearers. They were very small, how-



[PHOTO BY KRAMER.] MICHIGAN TRUST COMPANY'S BUILDING COR. OTTAWA AND PEARL STS.

it will be shoes which will last for length of days."

## Ex-President McMahon's Birthday.

Ex-President MacMahon has just celebrated his 86th birthday, receiving telegrams of congratulation on the occasion from the king of Italy, the Archduke Joseph and many continental generals and statesmen. He is a lively old man,

than ornate, still there is a pleasing effect produced by slight, artistic deviations from the imposing simplicity of the general outline of the structure. But its real beauty is found within. The plans for the interior and the finishing are as fine as can be found in any similar structure in that city of tall buildings—Chicago. Two passenger elevators and one for freight run to the top floor.

\$40,000. And these figures of nearly two and a half million dollars for new buildings in a single year form no unusual record for Grand Rapids. In 1900 the figures were very close to it, being \$2,115,400 for 596, only thirty-two of which cost over \$10,000. The significance of the small number of buildings costing over \$5,000 is that it is thus shown that much of the larger part of the an-



RESIDENCE OF BOYD PASTLUND—COLLEGE AVENUE.

and until his recent attack of influenza had never known what illness was. At La Point he leads the life of a country gentleman, and rises at an early hour every morning to look after his horses. His physical activity is further indicated by the fact that he frequently goes a-field with his gun for a long day's sport, accompanied only by two dogs.

There are 300 rooms in the building, and not more than ten of them are empty at the present time. The offices are all supplied with vaults and are light, comfortable and airy.

The Michigan Trust company occupies the rear of the main floor with its steel safety deposit vaults and the west side of the second floor for its headquarters

usual expenditure for new buildings is made by the laboring classes, a large percentage of whom own their homes.

Grand Rapids is one of the greatest furniture manufacturing cities in the world, her furniture is shipped all over the continent and to foreign countries. There are 1,000,000 invested and about 7,000 people employed in the



COUNTY TREASURER STEBBINS.

that while some other municipalities were issuing bonds upon the slightest pretext, Grand Rapids was prohibited from so doing, thus keeping her debt at a very low mark.

## Don'ts for Women.

Don't keep smoothing the wrinkles out of your waist. A few wrinkles will keep you from looking hideously smooth, like a fashion plate.

Don't have your skirt badly fastened

feature of their trade is their merchant tailoring department. Here they keep a grand assortment of suitings, pants goods, etc., all of which are made up at reasonable prices and in the most fashionable manner. They are good people to deal with and outside people will find it worth their while to call on them when in the city.

## How He Knew About It.

There was a little incident not down



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

PHOTO BY KRAMER.

ROBINSON, ARCHITECT.

at the back, so that your underskirt becomes visible. You can't see this and no woman seems to tell you.

Don't get off a car with your back to the horses. Men get a great deal of fun out of your persistency in doing this. But you are not bound to amuse them.

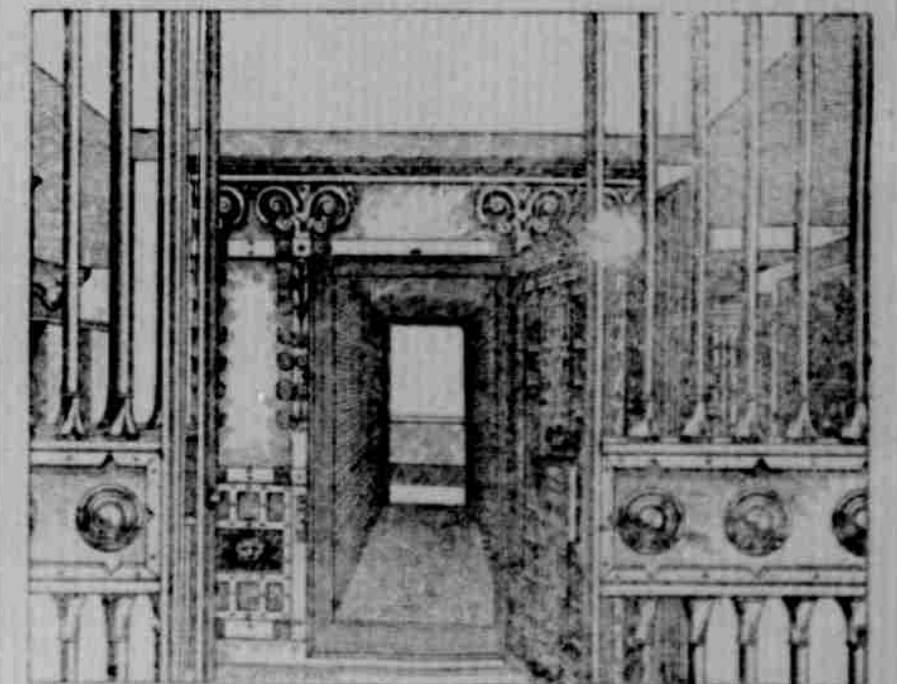
Don't stand at the door of a street car and worry some man near at hand into giving you a seat when there are empty seats at the head of the car. You all do this.

Don't leave your handkerchief and pocketbook in your lap when you are riding in a street car. Some man

on the regular program mapped out for the retirement of Jefferson Davis at Richmond. Leaning against the clerk's desk at one of the leading hotels was a well-known gentleman whose name has heretofore always been synonymous with bravery in action on the side of the lost cause. Unnoticed by him and equally unmindful of his presence, there approached the desk a man who enjoys the rare distinction of having served in the confederate army as a private. Running his finger down the open register that lay upon the desk, the newcomer halted a moment, and turning to a com-

panion, exclaimed: "General Black; so he's here, well, I should like to meet that fellow again. The last time I saw him sweat the battle of Vicksburg, where he was running like a turkey from the enemy."

Here the general turned, and the two men, recognizing each other, the speaker held out his hand in greeting, and instantly concluded: "and I was keeping his company." Kate Field's Washington



VIEW OF MICHIGAN TRUST COMPANY'S VAULTS.

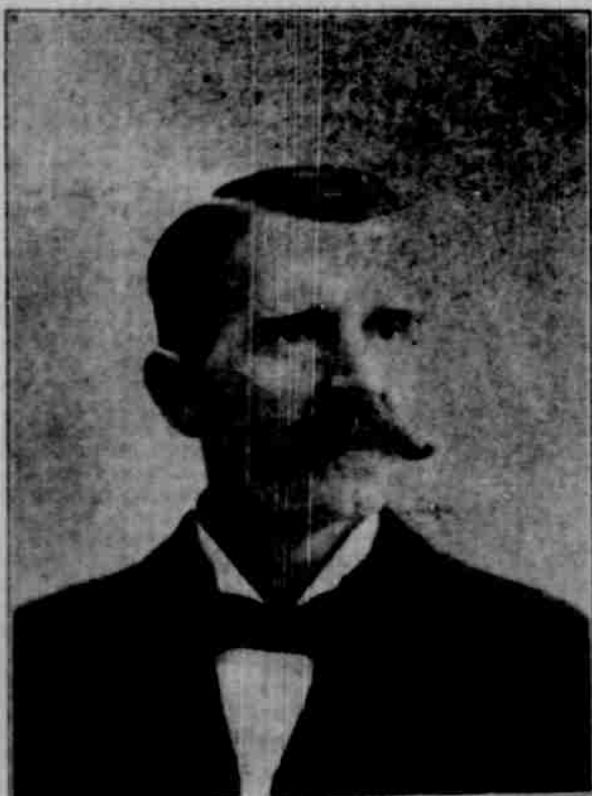
will pick them up for you as you are passing out, but they will get muddy.

Don't try to have a long waist. For 100 years the artists, the professors and conservators of beauty have been saying a short waist is more beautiful.

Don't wait until you get to front of a ticket office window before taking out your pocketbook. The wiles of the night men who are patiently waiting the opportunity to buy tickets are wondering why they are so late at home.

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CITY TREASURER SURBECK.

in this famous city. The time was when Grand Rapids was known as the center of the land plaster manufacture, but of late years that line is nearly nonexistent. Nevertheless, the manufacture of gypsum products is greater by several times today than when the city was known as a gypsum city. The explanation is simple. Plaster and other lines of manufacture have grown so large that gypsum is all but forgotten. This number is not numbered as yet

over, and he does not believe that such can be made of size enough to "inject trouble into the souls of the owners of natural diamonds," as the old French phrase is. But a later chapter may find a way to make great diamonds, now that the method is discovered for small ones.

## Comedian Evict the Parrot.

A good story is told by Dr. Robertson Nicol of the late Sir Henry Monnier. The latter had a parrot which was al-